We are celebrating our Young Children throughout the month of April. Several fun events are planned such as our annual parade, art show and community breakfast. The classrooms will celebrate with special projects, stories and theme days. We encourage you to celebrate with us during this month and throughout the year. Childhood is an amazing part of the lifespan and should be celebrated!

For more information about our events check out pages 2 & 3.

**Why focus on young children and early childhood programs?**

Today we know more than ever about the importance of children’s earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing. This is a time to recognize that children’s opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment - at home, at childcare, at school, and in the community that will promote their early learning.
**What is the Month of the Young Child? (MOYC)**

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our local chapter CCAEYC (Chautauqua County) chose to celebrate all month long. The purpose of the Month of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. And is a time to plan how we, as citizens of a community, state and nation will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

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**MOYC Art Show—Wednesday, April 12th 2016 6:00 pm**

Parents, family members and friends are welcomed to join us to view all of the fantastic art that the children have created during the year. Viewing a child's art: Art is a process, not a product! Art does not always look like something. Art is a child's view of their world, not a teacher's step by step, precut construction from the adult world. Art helps children become divergent thinkers, not little Xerox copiers. Art IS the process!

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**MOYC “Let’s Play” Activity Night**

**Thursday, April 21st 2016 5:30-7:30 pm**

Families are welcome to attend this event sponsored by the Chautauqua County Association for the Education of Young Children (CCAEYC). There will be activities galore for children and children at heart to enjoy.

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**MOYC Community Breakfast—Friday, April 22nd 2015 8:00 am—9:00 am**

Come join us for breakfast! Community members, local government, faculty and staff from SUNY Fredonia will also join us for this event. This is a great opportunity for families of CCCC to meet some of the people who support us. Come in, sign in your children then enjoy a coffee, tea, juice or items from our continental breakfast.

We will also use this event as an opportunity to welcome our new director Beth Mulkin. Beth will be available for a meet and greet throughout the breakfast.

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**MOYC Parade & Sundae Party—Monday, April 25th 3:15pm**

Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us for the parade or stop and watch us from the parade route. We will meet at the front entrance at 3:15 to begin the parade.

After the parade families are welcome to join us for a Sundae Party!
Barbeque Fundraiser—Saturday, April 30th 3:00pm—6:00pm
Church Street, Fredonia

The Barbeque fundraiser will be the grand finale to our Month of the Young Child Celebrations. This is a new fundraiser that is being sponsored by the CCCC Board of Directors and all proceeds will go directly to CCCC programs.

What will be there:
1. BBQ Chicken/Pork—$10.00 per plate
2. Basket Raffle
3. Games, Art Activities, Music & More (Free)

How you can help…
1. SELL BBQ TICKETS: Tickets are available in the office. Each ticket is $10.00. We will receive $5.00 for each ticket sold. Invite your friends, family, co-workers & neighbors to this great family friendly community event! Attached is a sales form & flyer.
2. VOLUNTEER: We will need volunteers to help with games, ticket collection, basket raffle, and distribution of food & drinks. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by the office to pick a time.
3. DONATE BASKET RAFFLE ITEMS: Each classroom has chosen a theme basket. If you would like to donate an item you can sign up in your child’s classroom. You may also choose to donate a basket of your own. Please bring in all donations before Monday, April 25th.
4. HANG UP FLYERS: BBQ flyers available in the office if you would like one for your workplace, club or other business that allows posters. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION

Celebrating in Classrooms

Each classroom will celebrate the Month of the Young Child in their own special way. Ask your classroom teachers about special activities or events that they have planned.

All of the classrooms will be participating in the following events:
1. Music & Movement Monday—The children will me moving and grooving all day long!
2. Class Picnic—The children will enjoy a picnic style meal and hopefully enjoy the warm Spring weather.
3. Taco Tuesday—The classrooms are making yummy tacos. Each child will pick his or her favorite toppings.
4. Wacky Wednesday—Wear your wackiest outfit or sport your craziest hair. We will be exploring the silly side of life all day!
5. Guitar Quartet Concert—The kids will enjoy a concert by students at SUNY Fredonia.

Be a Guest Reader!!!

Throughout the month of April we are asking parents, students and community members to come in and be a guest reader. Pick a personal favorite or choose a book from our vast library. If you are interested in being a guest reader please contact the office to schedule a day and time to come in.
MOYC Dolls

We will be displaying all of the creative MOYC dolls decorated by the children during the month of April. Feel free to take as many as you like home to bring back to school or to hang up at home. Copies will be available at the office.

Schwan’s is Back!

Start Date: May 1st 2016

Please support the Campus & Community Children’s Center

Our goal for this fundraiser is $1,000

When you order between May 1st, 2016 and June 13th, 2016 20% of all product and 40% of all eGift Card sales will go to our organization. We highly recommend purchasing eGift Cards during this period. (One gift card per email address)

From June 14th, 2016 to September 13th, 2016 5% of all sales will go to our Organization

Campaign ID: 26890

How to order:
2. Click “Shop Now”
3. Shop– We recommend the eGift cards!!!!

Scholastic is Back!

After a short break, we finally have a new Scholastic Catalog. Copies are available outside the office. You can also order online to see the complete scholastic collection. If you order online please use the code: 

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The Campus & Community Children’s Center opened in 1974. The center provides quality, affordable childcare and education for the young children of the SUNY Fredonia faculty and staff, children of SUNY Fredonia students, state employees, and members of the community.

The center is licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

We offer childcare for children from 8 weeks old to 5 years old in our main center and also offer a UPK-Extension program as well as before and after school care for children up to the age of 12.

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